

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–23

OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY OF WYOMING

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 SEC. 12 ____ . PLAN TO RESPOND TO RUSSIAN NONCOMPLI-
2 ANCE WITH THE NEW START TREATY.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
6 submit to the congressional defense committees a report—

7 (1) describing the options available in response
8 to a failure by Russia to achieve the reductions re-
9 quired by the New START Treaty before February
10 5, 2018; and

11 (2) including the assessment of the Secretary of
12 Defense whether such a failure would constitute a
13 material breach of the New START Treaty, pro-
14 viding grounds for the United States to withdraw
15 from the treaty.

16 (b) OPTIONS DESCRIBED.—The report required
17 under subsection (a) shall specifically describe options to
18 respond to such a failure relating to the following:

19 (1) Economic sanctions.

1 (2) Additional deployment of ballistic or cruise
2 missile defense capabilities, or other United States
3 capabilities that would offset any potential Russian
4 military advantage from such a failure.

5 (3) Redeployment of United States nuclear
6 forces beyond the levels required by the New
7 START Treaty.

8 (4) Legal countermeasures available under
9 other treaties between the United States and Russia,
10 including under the Treaty on Open Skies, done at
11 Helsinki March 24, 1992, and entered into force
12 January 1, 2002.

13 (c) NEW START TREATY.—In this section, the term
14 “New START Treaty” means the Treaty between the
15 United States of America and the Russian Federation on
16 Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of
17 Strategic Offensive Arms, signed at Prague April 8, 2010,
18 and entered into force February 5, 2011.

